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SUBJECT: ECE-SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

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1. ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK HOSTED LUNCHEON MARCH
3 FOR REPS OF SBOU 20ECE MEMBER MISSION GENEVA.PRIMARY
TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN
CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY.

2. STANOVNIK OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT THREE PROPOSALS
NOW ON TABLE: (1) SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THREE HIGH LEVEL
CONFERENCE, (2) FINNISH PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE,
AND (3)NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR MEETINGS ON SPECIFIC
ENVIRONMENTAL TOPIC OF AIR POLLUTION. HE INVITED INFORMAL
COMMENTS ON WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED AT 32ND SESSION.

3.NORWAY STATED THAT LEVEL OF ITS PROPOSED MEETINGS WOULD
DEPEND ON RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS; FORM WAS LESS IMPORTANT
THAN SUBSTANCE. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO CLARIFY
RELATIONSHIP TO SOVIET PROPOSAL.

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4. FINLAND SAID PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT ANY HIGH
LEVEL CONFERENCE MUST BE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
ON WHICH GROUND WORK HAD BEEN DONE AND WHICH COULD LEAD
TO BINDING AGREEMENTS.SOME PROBLEMS IN ENVIRONMENT FIELD
CAME TO MIND AND FINLAND WOULD MAKE PROPOSALS.

5. USSR SAID BELGRADE MEETING MIGHT DETERMINE FINAL POSITION OF GOVERNMENTS RE CONGRESSES IN CONTEXT OF FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION. BELGRADE MEETING WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DECISION OF COMMISSION ON MATTER AT 32ND SESSION. HOWEVER, DECISION AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE WAS REQUIRED AT 32ND SESSION. IF ECE COULD NOT TAKE DECISION, IT WOULD SHOW ITS IMPOTENCE AND NEED TO TAKE MATTER TO ANOTHER FORUM. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, USSR REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED AT LEAST BY THE TIME OF THE 32ND SESSION.

6. STANOVNIK RESPONDED TO USSR THAT IF NO DECISION TAKEN AT 32ND SESSION IT WOULD NOT BE BECAUSE ECE NOT CAPABLE BUT BECUASE POLITICAL WILL OF GOVERNMENTS LACKING OF SUBJECTS NOT READY FOR GIGH LEVEL CONSIDERATION. HE WARNED THAT IF MATTER WERE TAKEN TO ANOTHER FORUM IT WOULD DO "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE" TO ECE. STANOVNIK THOUGHT TWO OR THREE BROAD ENVIRONMENT AREAS MIGHT BE APPROACHING STAGE OF MATURITY FOR POLICY LEVLE MEETINGS. TRANSPORT AND ENERGY AREAS REQUIRED FURTHER PREPARATION, HOWEVER,

7. EC-9 MEMBERS (UK, FRANCE, DENMARK) THOUGHT IT WAS PREMATURE TO FORM OPINION ON WHERE DECISION ON HOLDING OF CONGRESSES SHOULD BE TAKEN AND WHAT SHOULD BE THEIR OUTCOME (E.G., BINDING AGREEMENTS).

8. MALTA THOUGHT THAT AT MOST 32ND SESSION COULD EXPRESS WILL THAT SUBJECTS WHICH HAVE REACHED MATURE STAGE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENTS AT HIGH LEVEL. THIS COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE CONFIRMED AT BELGRADE. ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES WOULD THEN CONSIDER HOW TO IMPLEMENT THIS EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL WILL.

9. SPAIN REPEATED PRIOR VIEWS THAT ECE WAS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DECISION AND ANY ACTION ON SOVIET PROPOSALS, BUT DECISION COULD NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL IT WAS DETERMINED AT BELGRADE WHETHER POLITICAL WILL EXISTED.

10. US ALSO REASSURED STANOVNIK THAT ITS VIEW HAD NOT CHANGED THAT ECE WAS "RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION".

11. COMMENT: STANOVNIK STATED LATER TO US REP THAT HIS REMARKS RE RESULTS OF TAKING ACTION OUT OF ECE HAD OF COURSE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD EAST. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE HE WAS WARNING EAST THAT ACTION MUST BE KEPT WITHIN ECE, HE WAS ALSO WARNING WAST THAT SOME ACTION MUST BE TAKEN IF MATTER WERE NOT TO GET OUT OF HAND(ANDOUT OF ECE AT BELGRADE). END COMMENT.

12. QUESTION OF ECE REPORT TO BELGRADE ALSO REAISED.
UK STRESSED THAT REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED BY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. (UK
STATEMENT WAS REACTION TO REPORTS THAT USSR HAS PREPARED
OUTLINE REPORT FOR STANOVNIK'S "GUIDANCE".CATTO

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